getting the matter investigated by registering an appropriate complaint/FIR and to initiate prosecution against those who are involved in such acts of defrauding and cheating students by not only misrepresenting themselves as "Universities", but also by awarding fake degrees.

MBA/BBA courses in IIPM

162. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4142 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th May, 2007 and state:

(a) whether Indian Institute of Planning and Management has replied to the show cause notice issued by AICTE for illegally conducting MBA/BBA courses;

(b) if so, the complete details of the reply received from the insititute;

(c) the action taken by the AICTE/UGC against the institute; and

(d) by when the illegal activities of the institute would be stopped in the insterest of poor students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Institute of Planning and Management has claimed in their reply to AICTE that it is conducting courses on entrepreneurship in the context of National Economic Planning' and any formal qualification like 12th pass or Graduation is not required for attending such non-technical/non professional programmes.

(c) and (d) AICTE has issued a show cause notice in March, 2007 to the Indian Institute of planning and Management (IIPM), Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi and - placed the name of the IIPM in the list of institutions, which are running technical courses without AICTE approval on the AICTE *website* *www.aicte.ernet.in*

Central university in private sector

†163. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to set up Central universities in private sector is being considered by Government; and

(b) if so,, the details of action being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Revamping of the examination system

164. SHRI PR. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether N.C.E.R.T. is considering to revamp the examination system; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The National Curriculum Framework, 2005 formulated by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has suggested certain measures for examination reform which are as follows:

(i) Examinations with a flexible 'time limit' can reduce stress among students.

(ii) More chances to students for qualifying the Board Examination within the window of 2-3 years.

(iii) Transparency in the procedure of conducting the examinations and evaluating the answers scripts.

(iv) No Board or State level examinations for other stages of schooling such as, class V, VIII or XI.

(v) Flexible and implementable scheme of Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation.

NCERT has also developed sample question papers reflecting the shift in the typology of the questions to test students' ability to transform raw data/information into knowledge through the process of analysis, synthesis and problem solving.

However, NCERT has only an advisory role in the matter. It is upto the School Education Boards to adopt the recommendations.

Regulation of private universities

165. SHRl P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to regulate the fee structures, admission and curricula of private universities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The University Grants Commission (UGC) frame regulations from time to time on admission and fee structure in un-aided private educational institutions.

Kasturba Gandhi Vidyalayas in Uttarakhand

†166. SHRI HAR1SH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalays opened in Uttarakhand till now and the number of such schools proposed to be opened this year;

(b) whether the existing standards to open these schools in the hilly areas of the country are proposed to be relaxed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi